

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DON RYAN**, on March 19, 2007 at 3:03 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Don Ryan, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only.

They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 363, HB 609, HB 744, 3/9/2007
Executive Action: HB 363

00:00:00 Opening comments by Chairman Ryan.

00:00:23 Bill Schilling, Wyoming Business Alliance and Wyoming Heritage Foundation and on behalf of the Taylor Plan

EXHIBIT(eds58a01)

00:06:10 Chairman Ryan

00:07:07 Sen. Elliott to Bill Schilling

HEARING ON HB 363

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:56 **REP. JOHN WARD (R), HD 84**, opened the hearing on **HB 363**, Revise school budget laws.

00:10:37 Sen. McGee arrived

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:28 Rep. Villa, HD 86, Anaconda and on behalf of Rep. Hollenbaugh

EXHIBIT(eds58a02)

00:14:37 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction

EXHIBIT(eds58a03)

00:18:49 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards' Association

EXHIBIT(eds58a04)

00:21:51 Dave Shreeve, Superintendent of Forsyth Schools

00:22:45 Bob Anderson, Representing Fort Benton Schools

EXHIBIT(eds58a05)

00:24:21 Tom Bilodeau, MEA/MFT

00:25:56 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

00:26:52 Pete Carparelli, Executive Director, Montana Quality
Education Association

EXHIBIT(eds58a06)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:28:59 None

Informational Testimony:

00:29:05 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:10 Sen. Juneau to Madalyn Quinlan

00:33:52 Sen. Story to Madalyn Quinlan

00:38:46 Sen. Story to Lance Melton

00:43:18 Sen. McGee to Madalyn Quinlan

00:44:34 Sen. McGee to Bob Anderson

00:45:19 Sen. McGee to Madalyn Quinlan

00:48:46 Sen. Juneau to Madalyn Quinlan

00:50:14 Sen. Juneau to Lance Melton

00:52:02 Sen. Elliott to Lance Melton

00:54:36 Sen. McGee to Lance Melton

00:54:56 Chairman Ryan to Lance Melton

00:56:30 Chairman Ryan to Madalyn Quinlan

00:57:27 Sen. Story to Madalyn Quinlan

00:57:52 Sen. Hawks to Madalyn Quinlan

00:59:08 Sen. Story to Madalyn Quinlan

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:44 Rep. Villa closed for Rep. Ward

01:02:33 Sen. Kitzenberg

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 363

01:02:46 **Motion:** SEN. KITZENBERG moved that HB 363 BE CONCURRED IN.

01:02:54 **Motion:** SEN. KITZENBERG moved that HB 363 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:03:30 Sen. Ryan

01:03:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:03:44 **Motion:** SEN. JUNEAU moved that HB 363 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:04:56 Sen. Story

01:03:54 Sen. McGee

01:07:17 Chairman Ryan

01:10:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. RYAN will carry HB 363 on the Senate Floor.

HEARING ON HB 744

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:10 REP. DIANE RICE (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 744, Revise school district creation laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:15:24 Doug Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, Ennis

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(eds58a07)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:22:12 None

Informational Testimony:

01:22:17 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:22:23 Sen. Peterson to Superintendent Wilson
01:25:41 Chairman Ryan to Mike Redburn, Superintendent of
Bozeman Public Schools
01:26:57 Chairman Ryan to Superintendent Wilson
01:27:43 Sen. Hawks to Rep. Rice
01:29:20 Sen. Story to Rep. Rice
01:31:02 Chairman Ryan to Rep. Rice
01:31:42 Sen. Hawks to Superintendent Redburn
01:34:32 Sen. Story to Superintendent Redburn
01:35:31 Chairman Ryan to Superintendent Redburn

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:04 Rep. Rice

HEARING ON HB 609

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:38:40 **REP. ROBIN HAMILTON (D)**, HD 92, opened the hearing on
HB 609, Requirements for dissolution of school district
insurance fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:40:19 Tom Bilodeau, MEA/MFT

Opponents' Testimony:

01:43:32 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards' Association

Informational Testimony:

01:45:51 Steve Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Administration, Bozeman School District

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:48:00 Sen. Story to Bob Vogel

01:48:42 Sen. Story to Tom Bilodeau
01:53:26 Sen. Black arrived
01:53:47 Chairman Ryan to Tom Bilodeau
01:58:02 Sen. Juneau to Tom Bilodeau
02:00:34 Sen. Hawks to Rep. Hamilton
02:02:01 Sen. Hawks to Tom Bilodeau
02:03:37 Sen. Story to Bob Vogel
02:05:41 Sen. Story to Tom Bilodeau
02:09:12 Sen. Black to Tom Bilodeau
02:11:48 Chairman Ryan to Tom Bilodeau
02:14:16 Sen. Story to Tom Bilodeau

Closing by Sponsor:

02:15:12 Rep. Hamilton

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:18 P.M.

SEN. DON RYAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([eds58aad.pdf](#))